The Faith of the Fathers:

OR,

The Articles of the

True RELIGION,

All of them Exhibited

In the Expreſs Words of the

Old Teſtament.

Partly,

To *Confirm* thoſe who do profeſs that RELIGION of God, and His MESSIAH.

But Chiefly,

To Engage the JEWISH NATION, unto the RELIGION of their *Patriarchs*;

And, *Bring down the Hearts of the Fathers into the Children, and the Diſobedient unto the Wiſdom of the Juſt*; and ſo, *To make Ready a People prepared for the Lord.*

By *COTTON MATHER.*

Beginning at Moſes, and all the Prophets, He Expounded unto them, in all the Scriptures, the Things concerning, THE CHRIST.

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Isa. 40. 3, 5.

Prepare ye the way of the Lord;
And the Glory of the Lord,
shall be Revealed.

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The Memorable Words of Rabbi *Samuel Marochianus*, in his Book, about, *The Coming of the Messiah.*

'THE Prophet *Amos* Expresly mentions, that *Fourth Crime* [Amos 2.6.] of, **Selling** 'the Just one for Silver, for which we have 'been in our *Captivity*. It manifestly appears to 'me, that for that Sin of *Selling the Just one*, we 'are *Justly* punished. It is now a Thousand 'Years, and more; and in all this while, we 'have made no Good Hand of it among the 'Gentiles, nor is there any likelihood of our 'ever any more Coming to Good. O my God, 'I am afraid, I am afraid, Lest the **Jesus**, 'whom the *Christians* Worship, were the **Just** 'one Sold for Silver!

To the JEWISH Nation.

ONE thing that Satisfies Us Christians, *in the Truth of* Christianity, *is* Your *Obſtinate Averſion to that Holy Religion. Our Bleſſed* JESUS, *the* Author of our Faith, *foretold your continuance under the Circumſtances now come upon you, until the* Times of the Gentiles *in the* Four Monarchies, *juſt now Expiring, are Expired. And your own Inſpired Prophets, who are now more* Ours, *than* Yours, *foretold your being pœnally given up to the* Deafneſs, Blindneſs, and Hardneſs *now upon you. But, behold, a Proclamation here ſent you from Heaven, inviting you, to perſiſt no longer in your Dammable* Rebellion *againſt the* CHRIST *of God!*

Here is now put into your Hands, an Irresistible and Irrefragable Demonstration, *That tho' you say, You are* Jews, *you are not* so. *If in this* Essay, *the* Common Translation *of any Text, is at all varied from, 'tis done with as Good Authority as any that there is for the* Common Translation; *and most Commonly with the Authority of your own* Jewish Writers. *Be amazed, O ye Rebellious & Rejected People of our Great* Lord Messiah; *We* Christians, *have by the Wonderful Work of God, been brought unto the* Faith of the Fathers; *but you are fallen from that* Faith, *& under* Strong Delusions, *you are* Pining away in your Iniquities. Return, O backsliding Israel! *All that we* Christians *desire of you, or for you, (and we* all *desire it!) is, That you would* Return *to the* Faith *of the* Old Testament. *Be it known to you, That if you do not now Submit unto our Blessed* JESUS, *all the Glorious* Oracles *of the* Old Testament, *will come in, as* Witnesses *against you. In the Name of the Great God, I demand it of you, That you Seriously* Consider *the Things here laid before you; And be now at last Astonish'd, that you have all this while no more* Consider'd *'em.*

The Faith of the Fathers.

OR,

The Whole RELIGION, of our Bleſſed Lord *MESSIAH*; Taught, In the Expreſs Words of the Old Teſtament.

Queſt. IS there any more than **One God**, the *Firſt Cauſe*, & the *Laſt End*, of all things?

A. No. It is written, Jer. 10.10,11. *The Lord*, [JEHOVAH,] *He is the True God, He is the Living God; The Gods that have not made the Heavens and the Earth, even they ſhall periſh from off the Earth, and from under theſe Heavens.*

Q. Is the One God, *Infinite* in all **Perfections**?

A. Yes. It is written, Pſal. 147. 5. *Great is our Lord, and of Great Power, His underſtanding is Infinite.* And again; Pſal. 145. 8,17. *The Lord is Gracious, and full of Compaſſion; ſlow to Anger, and of Great Mercy; The Lord is Righteous in all His ways, and Holy in all His works.*

Q. Are there not **Three Perſons** in the One God; Namely, The LORD, the WORD of the Lord, and the SPIRIT of the Lord?

A. Yes. It is written, Pſal. 33.5,6. *The Earth is full of the Goodneſs of the Lord; By the Word of the*

Lord were the Heavens made; And all the Host of them by the Spirit of His Mouth.

Q. Can there be **One God in Three Persons?**

A. Yes. It is written, Deut. 6. 4. *Hear O Israel; The Lord, our God, the Lord, is One.*

Q. Hath not God, a **Son?** Or, Is not that *Word* of God, which is the Second Person in God, the **Son of God?**

A. Yes. It is written, Prov. 30. 4. *Who hath Eſtabliſhed all the Ends of the Earth? What is His Name, and what is His Son's Name?* And again, Dan. 3. 25. *The Form is like the Son of God.*

Q. Doth not the *Son* of God, become a **Man**; or, aſſume a *Man*, to Subſiſt in **One Perſon** with Himſelf?

A. Yes. It is written, Pſal. 80. 17. *Let thy Hand be upon the Man of thy Right Hand, upon the Son of Man, whom thou madeſt ſtrong for thy ſelf.* And again, Exod. 15 3. *Jehovah becomes a MAN of War.*

Q. Doth not God Intend a Number of **Elect Men**, to be the ſpecial *Delight* and *People*, of His *Meſſiah* thus becoming a *Man?*

A. Yes It is written, Prov. 8. 22, 23, 30, 31. *Doth not Wiſdom Cry? The Lord poſſeſſed me, in the Beginning of His way, before His works of old: I was ſet up from Everlaſting; Then I was by Him, and I was daily His Delight, Rejoycing always before Him; Rejoycing in the Habitable part of His Earth, and my Delights were with the Sons of men.*

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Q. Is there not an Eternal **Covenant** between God the *Father*, and his *Meſſiah*, concerning His *Elect* ?

A. Yes. It is written, Pſal. 89. 3, 4. *I have made a Covenant with my Choſen, I have Sworn to the Beloved, my Servant ; Thy Seed will I Eſtabliſh for ever.*

Q. Ha's the **Decree** of God, from *Eternity* purpoſed, all that in *Time* comes to paſs ?

A. Yes It is written, Iſa. 46. 9, 10. *I am God, and there is none Elſe ; my Counſel ſhall ſtand, and I will do all my pleaſure.*

Q. Was not God the **Creator** of the World, and of *Man* in the World ?

A. Yes. It is written, Gen. 1. 1, 27. *In the Beginning, God Created the Heaven and the Earth ; And, God Created man in His own Image.*

Q. Doth not the **Providence** of God, Extend unto all the parts of His *Creation*, and all their Motions ?

A. Yes. It is written, Dan. 4. 35. *He doth according to His Will, in the Army of Heaven, and among the Inhabitants of the Earth ; and none can ſtay His Hand, or ſay unto Him, What doeſt thou ?*

Q. Did man **Fall** from God, at the Inſtigation of *Satan*, ſoon after His Maker placed him in *Paradiſe* ?

A. Yes. It is written, Gen 32. 3, 4, 5, 6. *The Woman ſaid unto the Serpent, we may Eat of the Fruit of the Trees of the Garden ; But of the Fruit of*

the Tree, which is in the midst of the Garden, God hath said, ye shall not Eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye Dy. And the Serpent said, ye shall not surely Dy; ye shall be as Gods, knowing Good & Evil. And when the Woman saw, that the Tree was Good for Food, and that it was pleasant unto the Eyes, and a Tree to be desired, to make one wise, she took of the Fruit thereof, and did Eat, and gave also unto her Husband, and he did Eat.

Q. Is the **First Sin** of the *First Man*, whom God made our *Common Head*, now justly *Imputed* unto all the Children of men?

A. Yes. It is written, Isa. 43. 27,28. *Thy First Father hath Sinned; Therefore I have given Jacob to the Curse.*

Q. Is every man, that is by ordinary Generation Defcended from *Sinful Adam*, Depraved with **Original Sin**?

A. Yes. It is written, Gen. 8. 21. *The Imagination of mans Heart, is Evil from his Youth.*

Q. Can any man, Depraved with *Sin*, *Perfectly keep* the *Commandments* of God, or make **him-self Righteous**?

A. No. It is written, Eccl. 7. 20. *There is not a Righteous man upon Earth, that doth Good, and Sinneth not.*

Q. If a man be not *Righteous*, but *Wicked*, is not the Everlasting Wrath of God in **Hell**, the portion of that man?

A. Yes. It is written, Psal. 9. 17. *The wicked shall be turned into Hell.*

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Q. Did God Promiſe, that His *Meſſiah*, ſhould be *Born of a Woman*, and ſuffer **Bruiſes**, to deliver His people, from the miſchiefs done by Satan unto them, in their *Fall*?

A. Yes. It is written Gen 3. 15. *The Lord God ſaid unto the Serpent, I will put Enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy Seed and her Seed; It ſhall Bruiſe thy Head, and Thou ſhalt Bruiſe his Heel.*

Q. Muſt the *Meſſiah*, that *Suffers* for us, be **God**, as well as *Man*, that ſo there may be infinite *Merits* in His *Obedience*, and that ſo He may be able to convey all the *Bleſſings* purchaſed by His *Obedience*?

A. Yes. It is written, Pſal. 45. 6, 7. *Thy Throne, O God, is for ever and ever; Thy God hath Anointed thee with the Oyl of Gladneſs above thy Fellows.* And again, Iſa 9. 6. *His Name ſhall be called, Wonderful, Counſellour, God, The Mighty, The Everlaſting Father, The Prince of Peace.* And again, Zech. 13. 7. *Awake O Sword, againſt my Shepherd, and againſt the Man that is my Equal, ſaith the Lord of Hoſts.* And again, Mal 2 15. *Did not He make One? Yet had He the Reſidue of the Spirit; And wherefore One? That He might ſeek the Seed, who is God.* And again, Pſal 2. 12. *Kiſs the Son; Bleſſed are all they that put their Truſt in Him* With Jer 17. 5. *Curſed is the man that Truſteth in Man*

Q. Were the **Sufferings** of the *Meſſiah*, by Humbling

Humbling *Stripes* from the *Rod of God*, neceſſary to Redeem His People, from the *Wrath of God*, which they Incur by *Falling* into *Sin*?

A. Yes. It is written, Pſal. 89. 26, 27, 30, 31, 32. *He ſhall cry unto me, Thou art my Father: Alſo I will make Him my Firſt-born, Higher than the Kings of the Earth. His Seed alſo will I render Eternal. But if His Children Forſake my Law, and walk not in my Judgments; if they break my Statutes, and keep not my Commandments; Then will I viſit their Tranſgreſſion with the Rod, and their Iniquity with ſtripes.*

Q. The **Time** for the *Meſſiah's* Appearance, or, the *Birth* of the *Promiſed Seed*; muſt it be, while the *Jewiſh Nation* ſhould yet Enjoy **Governours**, and **Law-givers**, of their own, and a *Civil Polity* among themſelves?

A. Yes. It is written, Gen. 49. 10. *The Scepter ſhall not depart from Judah, nor a Law-giver from between his Feet, until Shiloh come.*

Q. Was the *Meſſiah* to be Born, while the **Second Temple** was yet Standing?

A. Yes. It is written, Hag. 2. 7, 9. *I will ſhake all Nations, and the Deſire of all Nations ſhall come, and I will fill This Houſe, with Glory, ſaith the Lord of Hoſts. The Glory of this Latter Houſe ſhall be greater than of the Former, ſaith the Lord of Hoſts.*

Q. Was the *Meſſiah* to be Born, **Shortly** after the **Laſt Book** of the Old Teſtament was written?

A. Yes.

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Q. Was the *Meſſiah* to be Born, within **Four Hundred and Ninety Years**, after the going forth of the *Perſian Proclamations* to Rebuild *Jeruſalem*.

A. Yes. It is written, Dan. 9. 25. *From the going forth of the Commandment, to Reſtore and to build Jeruſalem, unto the Meſſiah the Prince, ſhall be Seven Weeks, and Threeſcore and Two Weeks; and after the Threeſcore and Two Weeks, ſhall Meſſiah be cut off.*

Q. Muſt there be **Two Comings** of the *Meſſiah*?

A. Yes. It is written, Zech. 9 9. *Behold thy King cometh unto thee, Lowly, and Riding upon an Aſs.* And again; Dan. 7. 13. *Behold, one like the Son of Man, came with the Clouds of Heaven.* And thus, it is written, Pſal. 96. 13. *Rejoyce before the Lord; for He cometh; for* (a Second time) *He cometh to Judge the Earth.*

Q. Was the **Conception** of the *Meſſiah*, to be in one of the Cities belonging to the *Ten Tribes*: (namely, *Nazareth!*)

A. Yes. It is written, Jer. 31. 21, 22. *Turn again, O Virgin of Iſrael, Turn again to theſe thy Cities; For the Lord hath Created a New Thing in the Earth; A Woman* (Alone) *ſhall Conceive a Man.*

Q. Was the **Nativity** of the *Meſſiah*, to be in

in *Bethlehem*, one of the Cities belonging to the *Two Tribes* ?

A. Yes. It is written, Micah 5. 2. *Thou Bethlehem Ephratah, It is a Small Thing to be among the Thousands of Judah ; but of thee shall be come forth unto me, that is to be the Ruler in Israel.*

Q. Was the *Messiah* to be Born of a **Virgin** ?

A. Yes. It is written, Isa. 7. 14. *The Lord Himself shall give you a Sign : Behold, A Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His Name Immanuel.*

Q. Was the *Messiah*, to Work many and mighty **Miracles**, at His Appearing ?

A. Yes. It is written, Isa. 35. 4, 5, 6. *God, the Recompence, He will come, and Save you. Then the Eyes of the Blind shall be opened, and the Ears of the Deaf shall be unstopped ; Then shall the Lame leap as an Hart, and the Tongue of the Dumb shall Sing.*

Q. Was the *Messiah* to be a *Publick Preacher* of the Gospel, **Three years and an Half**, and then to *Dy* for His Gospel ?

A. Yes. It is written, Dan. 9. 26, 27. *The Messiah shall be cut off ; He shall confirm the Covenant with many for one Week, and in the midst of the Week, He shall cause the Sacrifice, and the Oblation to cease.*

Q. When the *Messiah* comes to work out our Salvation, at *Jerusalem* ; Is He to Ride into *Jerusalem* upon, a **Colt**, the **Fole of an Ass** ?

A. Yes. It is written, Zech. 9. 9. *Behold, thy King*

King cometh unto thee; He is Just, and having Salvation; Lowly, and Riding upon an Ass, upon a Colt, the Fole of an Ass.

Q. When the *Messiah* first Appears to the *Jewish Nation*, is He to be **Despised and Rejected** of that Nation?

A. Yes. It is written, Isa. 53. 2, 3. *When we shall see Him, there is no Beauty, that we should desire Him; He is Despised and Rejected of men, a Man of Sorrows, and Acquainted with Grief; And we hid as it were our Faces from Him; He was Despised, and we Esteemed Him not.*

Q. Was the *Messiah* to be **Betray'd** into the Hands of His *Murderers*, by one of His own *Disciples.*

A. Yes. It is written, Psal. 41. 9. *Mine own Familiar Friend, which did Eat of my Bread, hath lift up His Heel against me.*

Q. Was the *Messiah* to be *Sold*, for **Thirty Pieces** of *Silver*, and a *Potters Field* afterwards bought for those **Thirty Pieces**?

A. Yes. It is written, Zech. 11. 12, 13. *They weighed for my Price Thirty Pieces of Silver. And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the Potter; A Goodly price, that I was prized at of them!*

Q. Was the *Messiah* notwithstanding His *Doing all things well*, to be **Tryed** and **Judged**, as an *Evil doer*?

A. Yes. It is written, Isa. 53. 8. *He was taken from Prison, and from Judgment; He was cut off out of the Land of the Living.*

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Q. Was the *Messiah* to be wonderfully **Silent** and **Patient**, under the False Accusations, with which His Accusers Load Him?

A. Yes. It is written, Isa. 53. 7. *He was Oppressed, and He was Afflicted; yet He opened not His Mouth; He is brought, as a Lamb to the Slaughter, and as a Sheep before her Shearers is Dumb, so He opened not His Mouth.*

Q. Was the *Messiah* to be further **Afflicted**, with **Vinegar and Gall** given Him to *Drink*, in the midst of His *Afflictions*?

A. Yes. It is written, Psal. 69. 21. *They gave me Gall, for my meat, and in my Thirst, they gave me Vinegar to Drink.*

Q. Was the *Messiah* to be Stript and Robb'd of His **Garments**, by those that would *Cast Lots* upon them?

A. Yes. It is written, Psal. 22. 18. *They part my Garments among them, and cast Lots upon my Vesture.*

Q. Was the *Messiah* to be **Buffeted**, and **Scourged**, and **Spit** upon?

A. Yes. It is written, Isa. 50. 6. *I gave my Back to the Smiters, and my Cheeks to them that pulled off the Hair; I hid not my Face from Shame and Spitting.*

Q. Were the *Sensible Manifestations* of the *Divine Love* be for a while, Sadly with drawn from the *Messiah*: and being thus Deserted, was He under an *Eclipse*, to Lament His **Desertion**?

A. Yes,

A. Yes. It is written, Pſal. 22. 1. *My God, my God, why haſt thou forſaken me?*

Q. Was the *Meſſiah*, to be **Crucified**, or, to undergo a *Death*, wherein His *Hands* and His *Feet*, ſhould be Nailed unto a *Croſs*?

A. Yes. It is written, Pſal. 22. 16. *They pierced my Hands and my Feet.*

Q. Was the moſt Innocent *Meſſiah*, to be joyned in His Death, with the worſt of **Malefactors**?

A. Yes. It is written, Iſa. 53. 12. *He hath poured out His Soul unto Death, and He was Numbred with the Tranſgreſſors.*

Q. Tho' the *Meſſiah* was condemned unto a Death, wherein the *Bones* of the miſerable uſe to be *Broken*, yet was **not a Bone of Him to be Broken**?

A. No. It is written, Pſal. 34. 19, 20. *Many are the Afflictions of the Juſt one, but the Lord delivereth Him out of them all: He keeps all His Bones, not one of them is Broken.*

Q. Was the *Dead Body* of the *Meſſiah*, to be **Embalmed**, with *Myrrhe*, and *Aloes*, and **Spices**?

A. Yes. It is written, Pſal. 45. 8. *All thy Garments Smell of Myrrhe, and Aloes.*

Q. Was the *Dead Body* of the *Meſſiah*, to be **Buried**, in the *Tomb* of a **Rich** man?

A. Yes. It is written, Iſa. 53. 9. *Tho' they appointed His Grave with the Wicked, yet it was with the Rich, in His Death.*

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Q. Was the *Meſſiah* on the *Third Day* after His Death, to have a **Reſurrection from the Dead** ?

A. Yes. It is written, Pſal. 16. 10. *Thou wilt not Suffer thy Holy one to ſee Corruption.* And again, Hoſ. 6. 2. *After Two Days will He Revive us, in the Third Day He will Raiſe us up, and we ſhall Live in His Sight.*

Q. Was the *Meſſiah*, after His *Reſurrection*, to **Aſcend into the Heavens** ?

A. Yes. It is written, Pſal. 68. 18. *Thou haſt Aſcended on High, thou haſt led Captivity Captive, thou haſt Received Gifts for men.*

Q. Is the Aſcended *Meſſiah*, to **Sit at the Right Hand of God** ?

A. Yes. It is written, Pſal. 110. 1. *The Lord ſaid unto my Lord, Sit thou at my Right Hand, until I make thine Enemies thy Foot ſtool.*

Q. Muſt the *Meſſiah* be a **Prieſt** ? And this in an higher order of *Prieſthood*, than the *Aaronical* ?

A. Yes. It is written, Pſal. 110. 4. *The Lord hath Sworn, and will not Repent ; Thou art a Prieſt for ever after the order of Melchiſedek.*

Q. Was the *Meſſiah* to offer a **Sacrifice**, yea, to offer *Himſelf* a *Sacrifice*, to God, for our *Treſpaſſes* ?

A. Yes. It is written, Iſa. 53. 10. *Thou ſhalt make His Soul a Treſpaſs-Offering.*

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Q. Was the *Meſſiah*, (as a *Prieſt* Entring into the *Holy of Holies*,) to make **Intercession** for thoſe, for whom He had been a *Sacrifice*?

A. Yes. It is written, Iſa. 53. 12. *He bore the Sin of many & made Interceſſion for the Tranſgreſſors.*

Q. Muſt the *Meſſiah* have an **Heart** and **Life**, Exactly conformed unto the **Law** of God in all things?

A. Yes. It is written, Pſal. 40. 6,7,8. *Sacrifice and Offering thou didſt not deſire, Burnt-Offering and Sin-offering thou haſt not Required. Then ſaid I, Lo, I come, I delight to do thy will, O my God yea thy Law is within my Heart.* And again, Iſa. 53.9. *He did no Violence, neither was any Deceit in His mouth.*

Q. Muſt the *Meſſiah*, Endure the *Eſſentiale* of the **Punishment**, that is due to us, by the *Law* of God, for our Sins?

A. Yes. It is written, Iſa. 53. 5, 6. *He was wounded for our Tranſgreſſions, He was Bruiſed for our Iniquities, the Chaſtiſement of our Peace was upon Him, and with His Stripes we are Healed. All we like Sheep have gone aſtray, we have Turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the Iniquity of us all.*

Q. Is the **Active** and **Paſſive Obedience**, which the *Meſſiah*, becoming our **Surety**, yielded unto God for us, the **only Righteouſneſs**, that Sinners may plead with God, for their *Juſtification*?

A. Yes. It is written, Dan. 9. 24. *He is to make Reconciliation for Iniquity, and bring in Everlaſting*

Righteouſneſs. And again, Jer. 23. 6. *This is His Name, whereby He ſhall be called, The Lord our Righteouſneſs.* And again, Pſal. 71. 16. *I will make mention of Thy Righteouſneſs, even of thine only.*

Q. Is it Only by **Faith** in the *Righteouſneſs* of the *Meſſiah*, that Sinners come to Enjoy His *Righteouſneſs*, for their *Juſtification?*

A. Yes It is written, Iſa. 53.11. *By the knowledge of Him ſhall my Righteous Servant Juſtify many, for He ſhall bear their Iniquities.* And again, Gen. 15 6. *He Believed in the Lord, and He counted it to Him for Righteouſneſs.*

Q. Doth the *Moral Law*, contained in the **Ten Commandments**, continue the Rule of *Life*, to the Children of men? And, will all that the *Meſſiah* hath *Juſtified*, Endeavour all poſſible *Obedience* to that Rule, & with *Repentance* mourn over all the Defects in their *Obedience?*

A. Yes. It is written, Micah 6 8. *He hath ſhewed thee, O man, what is Good; And what doth the Lord Require of thee, but to Do Juſtly, and to Love Mercy, and to walk Humbly with thy God?*

Q. Is the *Meſſiah* the Great **Prophet** of His Church?

A. Yes. It is written, Deut. 18.18, 19. *I will Raiſe them up a Prophet from among their Brethren, and will put my words into His mouth, and He ſhall ſpeak unto them, all that I ſhall command Him. And it ſhall come to paſs, that whoſoever will not Hearken unto my words, which He ſhall Speak in my Name, I will Require it of him.*

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Q. Is the *Meſſiah* the Great **King** of His Church?

A. Yes. It is written, Pſal. 2. 6. *I have Set my King upon my Holy Hill of Zion.*

Q. Muſt the *Iſraeliſh* Nation for their contempt of the *Meſſiah*, be made a Contemptible, and a **Miſerable Nation**?

A. Yes It is written, Pſal. 69. 23,24,25,27. *Let their Eyes be Darkned that they ſee not, and make their Loins continually to ſhake; Pour out thine Indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful Anger take Hold of them. Let their Habitation be Deſolate, and let none dwell in their Tents. Add Iniquity to their Iniquity, and let them not come into thy Righteouſneſs.*

Q. Quickly after the Killing of the *Meſſiah*, muſt the *Roman Armies*, (with *Eagles* in their *Enſigns*) bring an horrible **Deſtruction** upon the *City* and the *Temple*, of the *Jews* that Kill Him?

A. Yes. It is written, Dan. 9 26,27. *Meſſiah ſhall be cutt off, but not for Himſelf: and the People of the Prince that ſhall come, ſhall Deſtroy the City and the Sanctuary. Abominable Wings, ſhall cauſe the Deſolation.*

Q. Were the *Deſtroyers* of the *Jews*, to make one of their **Solemn Feaſts**, the Seaſon, Occaſion, and Advantage of their *Deſtruction*?

A. Yes. It is written, Pſal. 69. 22. *Let their Table become a Snare before them, and that which ſhould have been for their Welfare, let it become a Trap.*

Q. Were the *Deſtroyers* of the *Jews*, to be partly

Three Factions among themſelves, horribly preying on one another, and partly the *Cæſar*, whom they would call their *King*?

A. Yes. It is written, Zech. 11. 6 8. *Lo, I will deliver the men, every one into his Neighbours Hand, and into the Hand of his King: and they ſhall Smite the Land; Three Shepheards alſo I cut off in one Month: and my Soul loathed them, and their Soul alſo abhorred me.*

Q. Muſt the utter **Loſs of their Genealogies**, be one Special & Signal Article, in the *Deſtruction*, that comes on the Unbelieving *Jews*?

A. Yes. It is written, Pſal. 69. 28. *Let them be Blotted out of the Book of the Living.*

Q. Muſt the *Deſtruction*, and the *Diſſipation* of the *Jewiſh Nation*, continue a **Long while** upon it?

A. Yes. It is written, Hoſ. 3. 4. *The Children of Iſrael ſhall abide many Days, without a King, & without a Prince, and without a Sacrifice.* And again, Lev. 26. 18, 21, 24, 28. *I will puniſh you Seven Times more for your Sins.* Again, I *will bring Seven Times more Plagues upon you, according to your Sins.* Again, *I will puniſh you yet Seven Times for your Sins.* Again, *I, even I, will chaſtiſe you Seven Times for your Sins.*

Q. When the *Jews* are by God, given up, to *Blindneſs* of Mind, and *Hardneſs* of Heart, muſt the **Gentiles** be brought in, to the Knowledge of God, and His *Meſſiah*?

A. Yes. It is written, Iſa 65. 1, 2. *I am ſought of them, that asked not for me, I am found of them that ſought me not; I ſaid, Behold me, Behold me, unto*

a Nation that was not called by my Name. I have spread out my Hands all the Day unto a Rebellious People. And again Isa. 52.15, *He shall sprinkle many Nations.* And again, Isa 49.6. *I will give thee for a Light to the Gentiles, that thou mayst be my Salvation unto the End of the Earth.*

Q. Do's the *Messiah* at His Coming, make the **Temple Service** to Cease, and Abrogating the *Law* of the *Mosaick Rites*, introduce another *Law* prescribing the *Rites* of **Evangelical Worship**?

A. Yes. It is written, Dan. 9.27. *He shall cause the Sacrifice, and the Oblation to cease.* And, Isa 42.1, 4. *Behold, my Servant, whom I uphold, mine Elect, in whom my Soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon Him, He shall bring forth Judgment unto the Gentiles. And the Isles shall wait for His Law.*

Q. Is there any Intimation, That a Sacred pouring of **Water**, and a Sacred using of **Bread** & of **Wine**, are to be the *Rites* which the *Messiah* would make the *Sacraments* of His *Covenant*?

A. Yes. It is written, Isa 44.3. *I will pour water upon him that is Thirsty, I will pour my Spirit upon thy Seed, and my Blessing upon thy Offspring.* It is also written, Gen. 14.18. *Melchisedek, the King of Salem, brought forth Bread, and Wine; and he was the Priest of the most High God.*

Q. When the *Gentiles*, are by the Faith of the *Messiah*, made the People of God, must there then cease, the **Difference of Meats**, which once made a Distinction between the *Jews* & the *Gentiles*, & are *all Meats* to become Lawful unto *all men*?

A. Yes. It is written, Gen. 9. 3. *Every moving Thing, that Liveth, shall be meat for you; even as the green Herb, have I given you all things.*

Q. Must the *Fourth Monarchy*, under which the Church of the *Messiah* is to be gathered and afflicted among the Gentiles, be at length divided into **Ten Kingdoms**?

A. Yes. It is written, Dan. 2. 41. *Whereas thou sawest the Feet & the Toes, part of potters clay, and part of Iron, the Kingdom shall be divided.* And again, Dan. 7. 7, 24. *Behold, a Fourth Beast, and it had Ten Horns. And the Ten Horns out of this Kingdom, are Ten Kings, that shall arise.*

Q. Must there arise among the *Gentiles*, & even in that *Wicked Kingdom* of the *Romans*, a **Little Bishop**, who shall with a *Sharp sighted Craft*, not only Extend his *Temporal Jurisdiction*, over *Three* of the *Ten Kingdoms*, & his more *Spiritual Jurisdiction* over near a *Third Part* of the *old Roman Empire*; but also, blasphemously Assume to himself the *Power* of a *God*, & cruelly persecute the People of *God*, for twelve hundred & sixty years together?

A. Yes. It is written, Dan. 7 8, 25. *I considered the Horns, & behold there came up among them another little Horn, before whom, there were Three of the First Horns pluckt up by the Roots, & behold, in this Horn, were Eyes, like the Eyes of a man, & a Mouth Speaking great Things. He shall Subdue Three Kings, and he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the Saints of the most High, and think*

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to change Times, & Laws, and they shall be given into his Hand, until a Time, and Times, and Half a Time.

Q. Must the Nation of *Israel*, in the *Latter Days*, be brought in, to the Belief of the Messiah, against whom they shall with Incureable Infidelity, Rebel, until those *Dayes*?

A. Yes. It is written, Hos. 3. 5. *Afterward shall the Children of Israel Return, & Seek the Lord their God, & David their King; and shall fear the Lord, and His Good One, in the Latter Dayes.* And again, Isa. 60 2, 3, 20, 21, 22. *The Lord shall arise upon thee, & His Glory shall be seen upon thee; And the Gentiles shall come to thy light; The Lord shall be thine Everlasting Light, and the Dayes of thy mourning shall be Ended: Thy people also shall be all Righteous; They shall Inherit the Land for ever. I the Lord will hasten it in His Time.*

Q. After the *Four Monarchies* Exhibited in the Visions of *Daniel* are Ended, and particularly the *Papal Empire*, which is the *Fourth*, in the *Last Form* of it, comes to its End, shall the Nation of *Israel*, be Advanced into a great Condition of *Power* and *Glory*?

A. Yes. It is written, Dan. 7 23, 26. *The Fourth Beast, shall be the Fourth Kingdom upon Earth; but the Judgment shall Sit, and they shall take away his Dominion, to Consume, & to Destroy it unto the End. And the Kingdom, & Dominion, & the Greatness of the Kingdom under the whole Heaven, shall be given to the People of the Saints of the most High.* And again,

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Mic 4 8 *Even the First Dominion, the Kingdom shall come to the Daughter of Jerusalem.*

Q. Will our Lord *Messiah*, then make His **Descent from Heaven**, in Heavenly Glory, and come to the *Eternal* **Judgment** of the World?

A. Yes. It is written, Dan 7 9, 10. *I beheld, until the Thrones were pitched down, and the Ancient of Dayes did Sit, whose Garment was white as Snow, and the Hair of His Head like the pure Wool; His Throne was like the Fiery Flame, and His Wheels as Burning Fire. A Fiery Stream issued, and came forth from before Him; Thousands of Thousands Ministred unto Him, and Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand stood before Him; the Judgment was Set, and the Books were opened.*

Q Shall there be a **Resurrection of the Dead**, at the *Descent* of our *Lord Messiah*?

A. Yes. It is written, Isa. 26. 19. *Thy Dead shall Live, as my Dead Body shall they arise; Awake and Sing ye who dwell in the Dust; for thy Dew, is as the Dew of Herbs, and the Earth shall cast out the Dead.*

Q. After the *Resurrection of the Dead*, shall the **Raised Saints**, Eternally **Live** & **Shine** with the *Lord Messiah*, while *Others* are Damned unto *Eternal Confusion*?

A. Yes. It is written, Dan. 12. 1, 2, 3. *There shall be a Time of Trouble, such as never was, since there was a Nation, even to that same Time. And many from being Sleepers in the Dust of the Earth, shall Awake; some to Everlasting Life, and some to Shame and Everlasting Contempt. And they that be wise, shall Shine as the Brightness of the Firmament, and they that Turn many to Righteousness, as the Stars for ever and ever.*

THE END.